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## Youngsters take flight at Elba Fly-in



The annual Elba Fly-in was held last weekend at the Elba airport, and aviation enthusiasts had plenty to check out with the many different types of aircraft on hand. As always, a highlight of the event was the Young Eagles program which allowed youngsters to take a flight with the program's aviators. Upon completion of the flight, the youngsters received a certificate of completion. Austin Johnson, son of Glen and Kerry Johnson of Elba, is shown above preparing for his flight. After getting strapped in and putting on his headset, Austin took an approximate 10 minute flight around Elba while his mother and younger brother, Chance, waited for him on land.

## Coffee County Commission considering consolidation of voting houses

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Several commissioners seemed to have differing viewpoints on how the issues should be handled Monday morning, June 10, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the commission.

The first item to draw a red flag from a commissioner dealt with a motion to approve a cost of living adjustment for the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

John Tallas, EMA director for Coffee County, was allowed to address the commission concerning the cost of living adjustment. Tallas asked the commission to approve a 2.6 percent adjustment for his department, and he said he was asking for this now because he is in the process of preparing his budget for next year. Tallas also asked the commission to approve his request in a manner in which the commission chairman would be able to make this decision each year without him addressing the commission each time, and a motion was made to this effect.

Commissioner Robert Stephens questioned the commission's consideration of the motion seeing as that Tallas was not originally on the meeting's agenda. Tallas responded by indicating he would not be able to complete his budget proposal for submission until the commission considered the matter. "The way I see it he is only trying to prepare his budget," said commissioner Bernest Brooks.

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## \*NOTICE\*

Speaker Seth Hammett, Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer and Department of Transportation Director Paul Hollis announce that there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the replacement of Ballard Bridge on Highway 84 between Enterprise and Ogo on Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

With that said, Brooks made a motion to suspend the rules concerning issues not on the agenda to allow the commission to vote on the original motion. After receiving a second, the motion passed with all commissioners voting in favor except Stephens and Kayo Lewis.

"If I heard right, this motion gives the chairman ability to approve this each year without us," Lewis said. "I don't approve of that."

Stephens then made a motion to amend the original motion to allow the commission to vote on this matter each year. He received a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook, and the amendment passed with an unanimous vote.

At that point, the focus of the commission returned to the original motion with the amendment added, and this motion was approved with Lewis casting the lone opposing vote.

The next matter to create a stir among commissioners involved a motion to send out bids for cleaning service at the

Enterprise Courthouse.

County administrator Wilson Mobley was not present for the meeting, and his assistant said Mobley left word that the bids needed to be sent out immediately so they could be ready for opening at the next commission meeting.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple questioned the urgency of this matter and wanted to know why it came up at the last minute.

"I have tried for years to get this done, and we don't have to vote on issues that we don't know anything about," Brooks said.

The motion was approved, however, Dalrymple said he wanted the chairman to check into matters such as this last minute request and find a solution to the problem.

The disapproval expressed by the individual commissioners led commission chairman Tom Gimsley to make a motion that all year-to-year bids up for renewal be brought to the attention of the commission one month in advance of the renewal time.

Dalrymple supplied the second to this motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dalrymple made a motion to have air conditioning units placed in the three voting houses in his district that are currently without a cooling device. Those voting houses are the ones at Mount Pleasant, Goodman and the Perry community. His motion passed unanimously, and led to a proposal by commissioner Lewis which received mixed emotions from his peers.

Lewis said the days of the mules and wagons are over and Coffee County has some voting houses within a mile of each other; therefore, he proposed that the county look at consolidating and get rid of some of the

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## During New Brockton Town Council meeting Financial concerns expressed

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A bit of gloom overshadowed the regular monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council Monday evening, June 10, as council members searched for answers concerning the town's financial status.

The financial report as of May 31, 2002 found the town showing \$5,381.61 as the balance in the check book with \$5,217.80 in bills left to be paid.

Mayor Charles Cole said the town's reserve fund currently shows \$5,900 in which he said it appeared would need to be used to allow the city clerk to pay the month's bills and meet the payroll.

Council member Ron McMonagle said the town is trying to operate on the basic services, but unfortunately, the money coming in right now is not equivalent to what is going out.

"It's been on a downhill slide for about three years, and we as a council are going to have to make some hard decisions in the next 30-45 days," he said. "We appreciate what the people are doing and ask them to bare with us because harder times are probably coming over the next few months," said council member Ron McMonagle.

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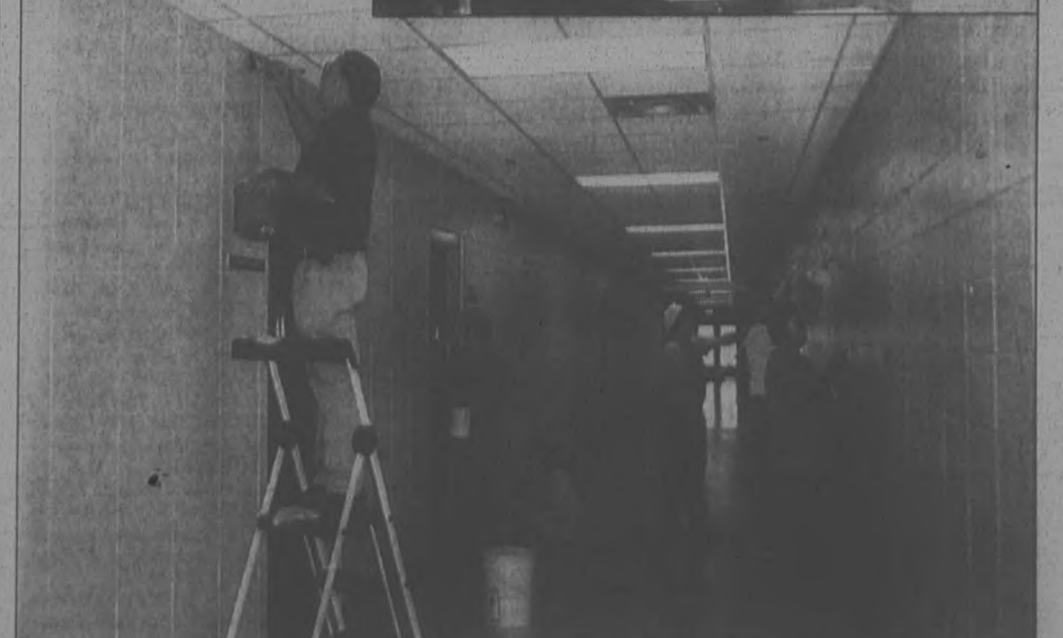
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The town's contract is up for renewal, and Cole told council members that New Brockton will have to pay \$500 per month to enter into a contract with Enterprise Rescue Squad for the medical service.

The problem here is paying for it," McMonagle said. "We can enter all the contracts we want, but if we don't have the money, we can't pay for it."

With that said, he indicated that he did not want to enter into

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SCHOOL WORK...As the student's departed the halls of the Elba City Schools last month, it certainly did not mean it was time to play for the extended contract personnel. Instead, these staff members have been working hard recently taking care of whatever tasks might need doing in order to keep the Elba City Schools looking good. Last week, several staff members were found serving as painters and steam cleaning operators as the coaches took time to clean the football stadium and the career technical instructors at the high school painted the walls along the senior high hall. With education funding being in the shape it is in, Elba High School principal Mike Williams said he appreciates his staff members who always seem willing to do whatever they can to help keep the school looking good. In the top picture, coach Bill Rayborn cleans the bleachers at Tiger Stadium with a steam cleaner while the bottom picture captures the career technical instructors applying a fresh coat of paint to the walls. The painters include (from left): Larry Goodson, Donna Clark, Martha Crawford, Bruce Sasser, Donald Lawford and Ingrid Clark.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

The first round of the 2002 elections is over. Very few of you bothered to cast your ballot. Those of us who did vote should say "thanks" to the non voters for the vote of confidence . . . you let fewer than 30% of the registered voters (even less of the total population) make these important decisions! Anyway, among those of us who did vote, we each won some races and we lost some others, and it is now time for us to regroup. As one friend was quoted, "I now must find me some new favorites," meaning some of his candidates (like some of ours) didn't survive the first primary. Folks, if we are to continue to enjoy the great freedoms of America, each of us must take the time to express our opinions at the voting box. There is no other way to keep small, destructive special interest groups from completely taking over the country and running everything our forefathers fought so hard to create and preserve. There you have it straight . . . now we will see you at the polls on June 25th and again in November (even if you are voting for those other candidates!).

Several months ago one of the big national daily newspapers paid Elba a compliment by including "Elba" as an answer in their crossword puzzle. We missed it, but a good friend of Elba attending a convention in Atlanta was able to fill in the blanks when other attendees had no answer for "The County Seat of Coffee County, Alabama."

Former Elba Clipper publisher Lucille McRae died on Monday of this week. It was almost 31 years ago (July 1, 1971) that she sold her interest in this newspaper to Hedy and yours truly, later turning over the operation of The Florida News to her son. Funeral services were held yesterday (Wednesday) in Florida.

The political uproar last week will probably continue for the next three weeks and U. S. Senate candidate Julian McPhillips can only credit his own words for the negative noises. Not once, but twice, he made statements about his opponent, State Auditor Susan Parker, not having any children and his being the father of three. Since then he has been eating crow as complaints poured in. At least twice he has issued sincere public apologies, but the damage is there. It added fuel to the fire when Parker explained she had lost a child and the doctors recommended she not try to have any more. The first time McPhillips commented on the issue, we passed it off as a poor choice of words during a debate. Then he hit the issue again several days later and that is when the troubles really started. In fairness to him, she had reportedly already made statements about being better suited to deal with women's and children's matters. Anyway, with Parker already leading in the vote from the first Democratic primary, it would surprise us if McPhillips is able to pull off this upset . . . starting out behind and then causing this uproar with only a couple of weeks to mend fences. Susan Parker got a little over 48% of the vote in the three candidate race and therefore was within two percent of winning without a runoff.

Will we or will we not approve a statewide lottery in Alabama the next time around? That is the big question as the governor's race heats up with this as a major issue and poll takers again making projections on the outcome of such a proposal. With the incumbent governor continually promoting the issue and his Republican opponent voicing opposition, it should make for a hot debate through the summer and fall months. Opponents should realize that the fight will be different this time around. Proposed lottery bills will surely have different wording, and it will not be as easy to shoot holes in the details. If we were writing bills for a new state lottery, it would be so squeaky clean that the moral issue would be the only argument anyone could use to gain no votes. In fact if a flaw slipped in, was found and became an issue, we would publically admit the mistake and make immediate corrections . . . to get that squeaky clean look which is necessary to pass any sort of gambling bill. That is, of course, unless it is something the legislature can do for the dog track folks!

Mentor Alabama Volunteers "Heroes"...Guest Editorial by Bill Pryor  
Alabama's juvenile violent crime rate drops by 11 percent in 2001

For over a year now, I have traveled throughout Alabama fulfilling a promise that I made to the citizens of Alabama to promote mentoring and to recruit appropriate adults as positive adult role models for at-risk boys and girls. When I announced Mentor Alabama as an initiative of my office in August, 2002, my goal was to recruit 2,002 mentors by the end of this year.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department beginning Monday, June 3, 2002, investigated the following incidents: one assault, one criminal trespassing, two forgers, one driving under the influence, two for domestic violence, two for theft of property, one possession of marijuana, one hit and run, one possession of a controlled substance, one possession of drug paraphernalia.

The following arrests were made: two for possession of a controlled substance, one for harassment, nine for failure to appear, one for driving under the influence, one for theft of property, one for unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, and one for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for speeding, one for giving false information, five for violation of the seat belt law, two for no tag, one for running a red light, one for driving with a revoked driver's license, one for violation of the child restraint law, one for no insurance and one for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:  
MONDAY, JUNE 3 - River stage - 6.84 feet (7:03 a.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at 1525 Edgewood Dr. (1:37 p.m.). Routine activity.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 - River stage - 6.03 feet (6:06 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire on Hwy 84W (4:32 p.m.); Minor wreck (vehicle vs. cow) reported on Hwy 125N (8:30 p.m.); Assault reported at 1032 King, Lot 12, Burch's Trailer Court (9:07 p.m.).

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• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall  
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall  
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St., Maggie Garrett Classroom.  
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center  
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office  
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.  
• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School  
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858  
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House  
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise  
• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at noon, City Hall Conference Room  
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month  
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar  
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

River stage - 5.47 feet (6:10 a.m.); Routine activity.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 6

River stage - 5.13 feet (6:10 a.m.); Report of rescue squad needed at 639 Thomas Ave. (4:50 p.m.); Fight reported at Regency Apartments (5:57 p.m.); Minor wreck reported in front of Elba City Hall (6:16 p.m.); Car alarm activated at 1414 Hickman Ave. (10:44 p.m.).

## FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Pro-Weir reported at 360 Old Samson Rd. (2:09 a.m.); River stage - 6.21 feet (6:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 941 Reese Ave. (10:44 p.m.).

## SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Possible burglary and fire reported at 609 Kendrick St. (12:08 a.m.); River stage - 6.03 feet (6:20 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at Elba MarketPlace (3:37 p.m.); Loud and excessive music reported at 706 Putnam (4:39 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 988 Morrow Ave. (4:52 p.m.); Loud and excessive music reported at the corner of Adkisson/Newton St. (5:26 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 1625 Parker St. (9:48 p.m.).

## SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Disturbance reported at 609 Kendrick St. (1:19 a.m.); River stage - 5.62 feet (6:08 a.m.); Routine activity.

have discovered, however, is there are many caring Alabamians who are not only willing, but eager, to share their gifts of time and love with boys and girls who need the interaction of positive adult role models in their lives.

I believe that these Mentor Alabama volunteers are true heroes. These caring men and women have all passed a criminal background check conducted by my office at no additional cost to the taxpayers, and they have been provided with detailed information on how they may become involved with over 250 mentoring organizations who have registered with our initiative throughout Alabama. They come from all walks of life, and have been motivated to join with us by their faith, their occupations, through their schools and colleges, through the word of mouth of their friends and peers.

All of these volunteers share the common goal of wanting to make a positive difference in the lives of our state's at-risk boys and girls. Our most successful recruitment month, ironically, was also one of the busiest months in many of our lives. In December of last year, we recruited over 275 mentor volunteers.

I also have more good news, as our most recent statistics show a dramatic decrease in Alabama's juvenile crime rate from 2000 to 2001. In the year 2000, 18 percent of the total violent crimes in Alabama were committed by juveniles. Our latest statistics, from the year 2001, show this rate has decreased by 11 percent, with only seven percent of the violent crimes in our state being committed by juveniles. If the influence of caring role models provided by Mentor Alabama and the positive programs provided by other important initiatives, such as Children First, has in any way contributed to this decrease, we have already been more successful than we could ever have imagined.

I wish to thank, and pay tribute to, all the volunteers of Mentor Alabama who are stepping up and making a difference. Not only will the children who are mentored feel the positive effects of these caring individuals, but all Alabamians will reap the rewards as these young persons grow to be caring, contributing parents, employees and members of society. I also am especially proud that Mentor Alabama has been implemented, and criminal background checks have been conducted on each of our 2,200 volunteers, at no additional cost to the taxpayers. I am proud that Mentor Alabama has been implemented by my office's existing staff, who has embraced the many new responsibilities an initiative of this size brings in addition to their regular duties and responsibilities.

Although we have reached our goal, we must keep in mind that our work is far from done. I have committed to continuing Mentor Alabama and my recruitment efforts throughout my tenure as Attorney General, and our partner organizations tell us that they are still in need of many more adult volunteers. If you are a person who is not yet involved, and think you couldn't make the time in your busy schedule to become a mentor volunteer, I challenge you, I am the father of two young children, and I work full-time as our state's Attorney General. If I can find the time in my schedule to be a volunteer, so can you. I will promise you this - the rewards you will reap will be great.

Bill Pryor is Attorney General of Alabama. For more information on Mentor Alabama or to register your desire to become a mentor, you may visit the Attorney General's website, [www.ag.state.al.us](http://www.ag.state.al.us) or call the Mentor Alabama hotline toll-free at 1-888-356-2400.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ferrin,

It's true, as we grow older, we have to see change. The fact that Whitman Drug Store has closed after eighty years of serving the people of Elba and Coffee County is especially painful to me because I literally grew up in that store. All my life there has been a Whitman's.

It has been more than fifty years since I left Elba, but whenever we hit town we would head for the drug store - not just to see family, but it was a place to see old friends.

When my children came along it was the delight of their lives to "hang out" at the drug store, and then when grandchildren came to Elba, they too got the "drug store fever".

When I got married how did we celebrate after the wedding rehearsal? We all went to "Whitman's" and dipped our own ice cream and made milk shakes.

Growing up it was not unusual to hear Daddy leave in the middle of the night to go back to the store to fill a prescription.

Once he went back to get a baby bottle for someone who had broken their last bottle and needed it before morning.

When a family member dies we reminisce, and indeed, I feel as if there has been a death in the family. If there was an obituary it would read something like this:

Whitman Drug Store passed away May 29, 2002 after eighty years as part of the community of Elba.

Survivors include, not only the Whitman family, but many loyal and faithful friends.

Memorial services will be held each time you have fond memories of hours spent there. In lieu of flowers, take time to appreciate the joys of life in a small town where business is synonymous with family.

Thanks for letting me take a walk down memory lane.  
Maragene Whitman Beale

Dear Editor,

Although my wife and I don't feel we owe anyone a response to Sheriff Ben Moates' letter to the editor last week, we feel that using an old Southern expression "A Hit Dog Hollers" Wallace and June Clark

Dear Editor,

Citizens of our nation agree that June 14 or Flag Day is a most appropriate time to display our loyalty and love for the symbol of our freedom—Old Glory.

This year, however, I find it even more compelling to encourage all who bear in their hearts and minds the vivid horror of Sept. 11, 2001, to fly the U.S. Flag for 21 days starting June 14 and through July 4.

What better way to demonstrate to the world the strength of our unity and the lasting faith we have in our democracy and our need to bring to justice all terrorists intent on damaging our national will?

We should do it for our nation and our citizens but especially for all of the innocent victims of 9/11 and the courage of those who went to their aid or battled their antagonists only to die in New York City or on a Pennsylvania field.

Sincerely,  
Richard A. Kemp  
Chairman, U.S. Flag Committee  
Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution

To The Editor,

I want to thank Jack E. Brunson Jr. for the Veterans Memorial in the conference center at the Veterans Memorial Park in Elba at The National Security Group Inc.

The exhibit of veterans' medals is displayed closed in glass cases and well protected. I attended the Memorial Day event and was very pleased with the way they had displayed my medals that I had donated. At first, I wondered about giving my medals to them, but after seeing what a nice display they did, I am very pleased and recommend this to any veteran or families of veterans.

I think this display is in a good place for the schools to take the children to see history and learn how our freedom was bought with blood and death of our young American men that loved to be free.

If you know veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart medal, they have given of their life, shed their blood, suffered the loss of their limbs, eyesight, hearing and for some the inestimable prison of psychological trauma. They gave their youth and a quality of life that those who have not been in combat can never fully realize. This is why I donated my combat medals.

I do have ties with Coffee County. I entered into the U.S. Army through the draft board at Elba Sept. 15, 1941 and had combat service from Utah Beach Normandy, France to the Elb River in Germany where I met the red Army May 1945. I was born at Ino in Coffee County.

I donated a freedom coat woven by our forefathers with the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. On Dec. 7, 1941, an attempt was made to strip me of my most precious item of apparel—Liberty and Freedom. On Sept. 15, 1941, I became one of many GI's who took an oath to die rather than give up that coat of freedom.

Today, at age 83, I still proudly wear it never to be outdated. I served in WWII in the 121st Infantry the 8th Infantry division the combat and service awards.

I received one European Award - Middle Eastern Service Medal with five battle stars - one for Normandy, France; one for Northern France; one for Rhineland; one for Central Europe; one for the Hurtgen Forest in Germany; one Purple Heart for wounds received in combat action against the enemy; one Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in ground combat against the armed enemy; one Combat Infantryman Badge - ground combat; one Presidential Unit Citation battle honors for the Hurtgen Forest in Germany; one WWII Victory medal; one American Defense medal; one American Campaign medal; three Good Conduct medals; one Sharpshooter Machine Gun medal; one Sharpshooter Bar Rifle medal; one Honorable Service Label Button WWII. All the medals and awards listed above can be seen with the thousands of men who served during WWII. My things from WWII are not the only displays in the memorabilia exhibit.

I recommend that all the people go visit and take their children to see it. Thanks Elba!

A combat wounded disabled veteran of WWII,  
Acie W. Taylor  
Geneva, AL

At this point the chase took a more serious atmosphere for Tim and I. In our minds this was someone dangerous. Someone who was willing to do whatever it took not to be caught. Neither of us could have ever dreamed that the next few minutes would reveal to us.

The vehicle was now traveling south on 167. We were gaining on the vehicle at this point. Suddenly the vehicle turned right on CR209 and disappeared from our sight. As we turned on 209 I lost control of our vehicle and ran into the right shoulder of the road almost coming to a complete stop before getting back on 209 and continuing. We could not see the vehicle but the dust in our headlights told us the vehicle was still on 209. As we topped a small grade further down 209 the car appeared back in our sight. The vehicle lost control slightly as it entered the curve leading down to the bridge on 209 but compensated and disappeared around the curve. When we came out of the curve Tim and I watched as the vehicle crossed the bridge and ran straight off into the ditch and embankment and began rolling over.

The chase ended there. Now began the hurt, the pain and the emptiness felt by those left behind to make some sense of something so tragic. The truth of that night gave way to the lies and rumors that seemed to have started immediately. The lies and rumors about me and the conspiracy theories about the law enforcement agencies involved became the light at the end of the tunnel for the people who would not accept the truth.

I did not know Kacy Clark nor have I ever seen her. I did not run her tag through her car.

I never had her drivers license nor seen her drivers license still to this day.

At no point did my car collide with her car.

I never removed the tag from her car.

I did not fail a drug test.

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Coffee Co. Sheriff's Dept.

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Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, June 4, I watched as fire destroyed many years of hard work and pride as my woodworking shop burned down. It had not been too long. Thanks to the men and women of the Five Star, Zion Chapel and New Brockton Volunteer Fire Departments, the shop is all we lost. The shop was on fire less than 40 feet from our home. Had it not been for these men and women, we could have lost our home also. We send a heartfelt thank you to those who gave so freely of their time.

When we realized the shop was on fire, we tried to call 911 but the phone lines were dead. Greg Hines happened to be passing by at that time and called the Fire Department on his radio. We extend our thanks to Greg and his wife for their quick thinking and for helping us move our vehicles and other items away from the fire.

We deeply appreciate the care and concern that has been shown by our friends and neighbors. We will never forget the cards, visits, phone calls, food, tools, gifts, offers to rebuild or any other support we have received. So far, I have had eight shops offered to me for my use. I cannot explain how this has made me feel to know how much others care.

This tragedy has proven to us that "good" definitely still exists in this world we live in. Thank you and God Bless You All!

Fairlan and Barbara Mobley

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## Obituaries

DREXEL BRYAN

Mr. Drexel Bryan, age 62, of 22891 Highway 189, Elba, Ala., died June 8, 2002 at his residence.

Funeral services were held June 10, 2002 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed in Hudson Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Edith (Bradley) Bryan, Elba; two daughters: Cindy Atwell, Brundidge, Phyllis Barlow, Elba; three sisters: Earlene Rushing and Linda Donaldson, both of Elba, Raynell Smith, Enterprise, his father: John Bryan, Elba; his mother-in-law: Louise Bradley, Elba; and six grandchildren.

NICHOLAS 'NICK' SEMONELLE SR.

Mr. Nicholas 'Nick' Semonelle Sr., age 54, of 941 Reese Avenue, Elba, Ala., died June 7, 2002 at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held June 12, 2002 at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Father Joseph Watis officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Semonelle was preceded in death by his father, Gennaro E. Semonelle, and a brother, Eugene Semonelle.

Survivors include his wife: Cinda Ann Semonelle, Elba; his mother: Catherine (DePrisco) Semonelle, Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. Semonelle's Donna White, New Brockton, Annah Couson, Kinston, Christina Semonelle, Elba; one son: Nicholas P. (Nick) Semonelle Jr., Bitouxi, Miss.; four sisters: Jeanne Casey, Lisa Snyder and Ann Casey, all of Wilmington, Del.; Cathy Conway, Newark, Del.; and one brother: Anthony Semonelle, Wilmington, Del.

NECIA BOUTWELL RIGGINS MINTON

Mrs. Necia Boutwell Riggins Minton, age 81, of Altoona, Fla., died May 26, 2002 in Eustis, Fla.

Mrs. Minton was a native of Coffee County (born July 18, 1920), and was the daughter of the late M. C. (Clifford) and Lala Boutwell.

Funeral services were held May 29, 2002, at Beyer's Funeral Home Chapel in Umattilla, Fla., with Rev. Jerry Alexander and Rev. Bill LaRue officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Memorial Gardens in

Eustis, Fla.

Survivors include her husband: Ed Minton; two children: Byrl Jean Bates and Phillip Bates, both of Altoona, Fla.; one sister: Norma Boutwell Belvin, Pensacola, Fla.; six step-children: Janet Smithy, Reba Sizzler, Sandra McLoey, Howard Minton, Herman and Carl Thomas (Tommy) Minton; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

HERMAN SAMUEL MILLER

Herman Samuel Miller, age 77, died June 1, 2002.

Funeral services were held June 6, 2002 at the Coleman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dr. V.J. Coleman officiating. The burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Vivian Reynolds; one daughter: Martha Miller, one son: Herman Samuel Miller Jr.; two step-daughters: Denyse Moore (Kevin), Panama, Calif., Diane Dubose, Elba; four brothers: Ernest Miller, Walter Miller, Charles Edward Miller and Robert E. Miller, all of Los Angeles, Calif.; and 12 grandchildren.

ROBERT STEVE HINES

Mr. Robert Steve Hines, age 64, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, June 11, 2002 at his residence.

Funeral services will be at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, June 13, 2002 beginning at 2 p.m. with Rev. Kenneth Hagler officiating. Burial will follow in the Jack Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home as director.

Survivors include his wife: Sybil (Nelson) Hines, Elba; four daughters: Teresa Mauldin, Elba; Lisa Garner, Glenwood, Sharon Stinson, Elba; Donna Arnold; Jack; two sons: Eddie Arnold and Vir Arnold, both of Jack; two sisters: Jimmie Jo Love and Becky Benton, both of Jacksonville, Fla.; and 11 grandchildren.

Pre-need funeral planning now available at

Hayes







# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Bridal Registry

Sasha Kidd & Brady O'Neal  
Shower: 05/19/02 Wedding: 06/15/02  
Kayron Whitworth & Kelly Shehee  
Shower: 7/21/02 Wedding: 7/10/02  
Heather Davis & Jason Fox  
Shower: 6/15/02 Wedding: 6/22/02  
Heather Lawford & Anthony Strickland  
Shower: 6/2/02 Wedding: 7/01/02  
Christina Cook & Tom Anderson  
Shower: 6/30/02 Wedding: 7/27/02  
Amy King & John Hall  
Coffee: 6/29/02 Wedding: 7/13/02

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## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report NEW BROCKTON WATER & SEWER BOARD

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

We are presently working on our Source Water Protection Plan. When completed, it will provide more information about our potential sources of contamination. We're pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. If you have questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Kim Lee, Superintendent, 334-984-5550. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you would like to attend one of our regularly scheduled meetings held on the first Monday of each month at the New Brockton City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Table of Primary Contaminants

At high levels some primary contaminants are known to pose a health risk to humans. This table provides a quick glance of any primary contaminant detections.

CONTAMINANT	MCL DETECTED	CONTAMINANT	MCL DETECTED
<b>Bacteriological</b>		<b>Endothal</b>	100 ND
Total Coliform Bacteria	< 5%	Endrin	2 ND
Turbidity	TT Range 0.20-0.25	Epichlorohydrin	TT ND
Residual Chlorine (mg/L)	4.0 ND	Epichlorohydrin	700 ND
Alpha emitters (pCi/l)	15 2.64-0.8	Hepachlor epoxide	200 ND
Combined radium (pCi/l)	5 ND	Hexachlorobenzene	1 ND
<b>Heavy Metals</b>		Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	1 ND
Antimony (ppb)	6 ND	Landene	200 ND
Arsenic (ppb)	50 ND	Methoxychlor	40 ND
Asbestos (MFL)	7 ND	Deoxy (Vidate)	200 ND
Barium (ppm)	2 ND	PCB	5 ND
Beryllium (ppb)	4 ND	Pentachlorophenol	1 ND
Cadmium (ppb)	5 ND	Picloram	500 ND
Chromium (ppb)	100 ND	Simazine	4 ND
Copper (ppm)	AL-13	Traosaphene	5 ND
Cyanide (ppb)	200 ND	Benzene	5 ND
Fluoride (ppm)	4 ND	Carbon Tetrachloride	5 ND
Lead (ppb)	AL-15	Chlorobenzene	100 ND
Mercury (ppb)	2 ND	Dechloromethylchlorobenzene	200 ND
Nitrate (ppm)	10 ND	p-Dichlorobenzene	600 ND
Nitrite (ppm)	1 ND	p-Dichlorobenzene	75 ND
Selenium	5 ND	1,1-Dichloroethene	5 ND
Thallium	2 ND	1,1-Dichloroethylene	7 ND
<b>Organic Chemicals</b>		Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70 ND
2,4-D	70 ND	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100 ND
2,4,5-TP (siloxane)	50 ND	Dichloromethane	5 ND
Asymetane	TT ND	1,2-Dichloropropane	5 ND
Alachlor	ND	1,2-Dichloropropane	700 ND
Atrazine	3 ND	Ethylene dibromide	5 ND
Benzo(a)pyrene (PHAs)	200 ND	Styrene	100 ND
Carbofuran	40 ND	Tetrachloroethylene	5 ND
Chlordane	2 ND	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	70 ND
Palapen	200 ND	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	5 ND
2,4-D-ethylhexylphosphate	400 ND	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5 ND
2,4-D-ethylhexylphosphate	6 ND	Trichloroethylene	5 50
Dinoseb	7 ND	TTTHM	80 ND
Diquat	30 ND	Toluene	1 ND
Dioxin(2,3,7,8-TCDD)	20 ND	Vinyl Chloride	2 ND
HAAs's	80 10	Vinyl Chloride	10 ND

In addition to the primary drinking water contaminants, the utility monitors regularly for the following unregulated and secondary contaminants as regulated by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. The ADEM has proposed regulations under consideration at the time of this publication, to require any detections of these contaminants to be reported in all subsequent water quality reports. The requirement of this additional monitoring and reporting will further insure the safety of your drinking water and will keep you, as a utility customer, more informed.

(mandatory language) The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

### Unregulated Contaminants Table

CONTAMINANT	Average	Range	CONTAMINANT	Average	Range
1,1-Dichloropropane	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Chloroform	ND	0.000 - 0.000
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Chloromethane	ND	0.000 - 0.000
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Dichloromethane	ND	0.000 - 0.000
1,1-Dichloroethane	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Dichloromethane	ND	0.000 - 0.000
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Dicamba	ND	0.000 - 0.000
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Dichlorodifluoromethane	ND	0.000 - 0.000
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Dieldrin	ND	0.000 - 0.000
1,3-Dichloropropane	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Heptachlorobutadiene	ND	0.000 - 0.000
1,3-Dichloropropane	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Heptachlorobenzene	ND	0.000 - 0.000
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	ND	0.000 - 0.000	M-Dichlorobenzene	ND	0.000 - 0.000
2,2-Dichloropropane	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Methoxy	ND	0.000 - 0.000
3-Hydroxybenzofuran	ND	0.000 - 0.000	MTBE	ND	0.000 - 0.000
Aldicarb	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Metolachlor	ND	0.000 - 0.000
Aldicarb Sulfone	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Metribuzin	ND	0.000 - 0.000
Aldicarb Sulfonate	ND	0.000 - 0.000	N-Propylbenzene	ND	0.000 - 0.000
Aldrin	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Naphthalene	ND	0.000 - 0.000
Bromobenzene	ND	0.000 - 0.000	N-Propylbenzene	ND	0.000 - 0.000
Bromochloromethane	ND	0.000 - 0.000	N-Chlorotoluene	ND	0.000 - 0.000
Bromodichloromethane	ND	0.000 - 0.000	P-Chlorotoluene	ND	0.000 - 0.000
Bromodifluoromethane	ND	0.000 - 0.000	P-Isopropyltoluene	ND	0.000 - 0.000
Bromomethane	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Propachlor	ND	0.000 - 0.000
Butachlor	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Sec-Butylbenzene	ND	0.000 - 0.000
Carbaryl	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Tert-Butylbenzene	ND	0.000 - 0.000
Chlorobenzene	ND	0.000 - 0.000	Trichlorofluoromethane	ND	0.000 - 0.000

CONTAMINANT	MCL	Range of Detections	CONTAMINANT	MCL	Range of Detections
Aluminum	0.2	ND	Copper	1	ND-0.19
Asbestos	7	ND	Chloride	250	415-719
Cadmium	0.05	ND	Chloride	250	415-719
Chloride	15	ND	Sulfate	250	415-719
Copper	0.05	ND	Total Dissolved Solids	500	244-308
Iron	0.1	ND	Floating Solids	0.3	ND
Zinc	5	ND	Iron	0.3	0.10-0.33

CONTAMINANT	Range of Detections	CONTAMINANT	Range of Detections
Chloride	25-294	Chloride	25-294
Chloride	14.5-15.7	Chloride	14.5-15.7
Sulfate	7.93-34.6	Conductivity, Langmuir Index	6.8-0.31

CONTAMINANT	Level	Unit	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Aluminum	ND	mg/L	0.05	Soil runoff
Asbestos	ND	ppb	7	Erosion of natural deposits
Chloride	ND	mg/L	250	Chlorination of household plumbing system, erosion of natural deposits, leaching from wood preservatives

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## New Books available in the Elba Public Library

### ADULT LARGE PRINT:

Coffman, Elaine-The Fifth Daughter  
Howard, Linda-Strangers in the Night  
Roberts, Nora-Once More With Feeling  
Shreve, Anita-Sea Glass

### ADULT NONFICTION:

Evans, Tony-Totally Saved

### ADULT FICTION:

Connelly, Michael-City of Bones  
Hillerman, Tony-The Wailing Wind  
Johansen, Iris-Body of Lies  
Kingsolver, Barbara-Small Wonder  
McMurry, Larry-Sin Killer  
Quick, Amanda-Don't Look Back

Ross, Ann B-Miss Julia Throws a Wedding  
Sanford, John-Mortal Prey  
Saul, John-Midnight Voices  
Scottoline, Lisa-Courting Trouble

### BOOKS ON TAPE:

Berg, Elizabeth-Never Change  
Haig, Tony-Mortal Allies  
Higgins, Jack-Midnight Runner  
Lansens, Tom-Rush Home Road  
Margolin, Philip-Heartstone  
Mosby, Katherine-The Season of Lillian Daves  
Parker, Robert B-Gunman's Rhapody  
Parsons, Tony-Man and Boy  
Sanford, John-Mortal Prey  
Woods, Stuart-The Short Forever

Billy Graham film to be shown at First Baptist in Dothan

Master's Call to be in concert Father's Day at Country Cathedral

A Father's Day Sing will be held Saturday, June 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Country Cathedral in Opp, Ala. Featured groups are Master's Call, Debbie Fleming, Joyful Noise and the Golanates. The church is located on highway 84 East of Opp. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Twentieth Century Study Club holds May meeting

The Twentieth Century Study Club closed the club year with a meeting at the Elba Public Library on May 9th. Nell Harverson and Mrs. Peggy Stroud were hostesses. Mrs. Judy Eastburn presided over the business session and introduced the guest speaker, Judge Marion Brunson.

## ESJC announces Spring Semester Honor Rolls

Enterprise State Junior College (ESJC) officially announces the names of students achieving recognition through the spring semester honor rolls.

Sixty-five ESJC students earned President's List certificates. These students obtained a 4.00 grade point average during the spring semester with a course load of at least 12 semester hours.

President's List honorees included:

From New Brockton—Courtney R. Allen.  
From Kinston—Kelly A. Davis.  
The Dean's List, also compiled at the end of every semester.

## Local students earn honors at UM

Three local students were recognized for earning honors during the annual Honors Day Convocation at the University of Montevallo.

Students earning honors include and Carmenda C. Coleman and Shanna M. Tills of Elba and Amie L. Perry of Bluff Springs Baptist Church to have VBS.

Bluff Springs Baptist Church will hold Bible School Saturday, June 15 from 9:00-2:00. There

will be arts, crafts, food and fun for all ages.

## Fort Rucker to host annual banquet June 14

The United States Army will celebrate their 227th birthday on June 14, 2002. The Fort Rucker Wiregrass Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) will host the annual banquet and the Army's Celebration that evening at 6

p.m. at the Fort Rucker Officers' Club. Tickets are available by calling the following numbers: Enterprise: 347-0581, Ozark: 774-2545, Daleville: 797-3525, and Dothan: 303-9664. Other cities may call any of the numbers for tickets.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



FLAG DONATION: Linda Westbrook (right), a Woodmen of the World representative, recently presented Elba City Schools Superintendent Danny Weeks (left) with an American flag. The flag will be flown at the Elba City School campus.

## \*\*SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*

## Hornsby-McWaters announce June 22, 2002 wedding plans

Kath Hornsby of the Roston Community and Paula Kahn of Troy announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Candace Lynn Curtis Henry-McWaters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McWaters.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Talley of Troy and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Hornsby of the Roston Community. She is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orbery Ashberry and Mr. Luel Hornsby and the late Mrs. Hornsby, all of the Roston Community.

The wedding is planned for June 22, 2002 at 2:00 in the afternoon at Eanon Baptist Church (Old Snellgrove Community). No invitations are being sent, but all friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Ms. McWaters is a 2001 graduate of MacArthur State Technical College and is employed as a certified welder in Abbeville, Ala.

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## New Brockton Elementary announces fourth nine weeks honor roll

**First Grade:** Robyn LeShae Adkison, Ashlee Regene Allen, Emily Joye Anderson, Alyssa Faith Caylor, Nathaniel Berg Credille, Payton Lynn Edberg, Austin Daniel Green, Garrett Bobby Harrison, Logan Blake Harrison, Taylor Elizabeth Hudson, Katelyn Savannah Hutto, Samantha Nicole Lee, Lakeshia Ann Lilly, Britney Ann Magwood, Hanna Elizabeth Pearson, Emily Hannah Pearson, Christopher Kyle Turner, Chasidy Leighanne Wallace, Jesse Alexander Watson and Ryan Jay Watson.

**Second Grade:** Claire Elizabeth Bailey, Amber Renee Barnett, Sloan Nicole, Cotter, Mary-Michael Dunn, Savannah Elizabeth Ellis, Lindsey Joann Foster, Jena Nichole Freese, Sanh Duong Heribert, Denley Alexis Mock, Matthew Ryan Richard, Kimberly Maxine Stephenson and Bethne Lenora Walden.

**Third Grade:** Robert William Driggers, Je'mich Lillie Dunn, Aubrey Anna Hawkins, Brandi Michelle Hendrix, Heather Marie Hendrix, Chelsey Nicole Holloway, Kayla Marie Purvis and Steven Grady Smith.

**Fourth Grade:** Dixi Leanne Boswell, Seth Blaklen Culverhouse, Katherine Abigail Dunaway, Matthew Chase Hendrix, Joseph David Kuriger, Letel Marie Magwood, Tevin Darnell McNair, Cassidy Renee Moore, Adam Joshua Pope, Sarah Catherine Sims, Daniel Nicklaus Stephenson, Sawyer James Whitaker, Forrest Shane Williams, Kelly Wade Wood and Kristin Lee Wood.

**Fifth Grade:** Britney Kaye Eubanks and Jessica Lauren Parrish.

**Sixth Grade:** Kristine Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Megan Hope Grosland, Daniel Graham Kelley, Bethany Michelle Milligan, Aaron Justin Pope, April Denese Price, Joshua Matthew Roberts, Christopher John Thames and Jessica Elaine Tharp.

**Fourth Grade:** Stephanie Michelle Beavers, Emily Michelle Bowers, Elizabeth Jolynn Han Brewer Bonchi, Justin Jeremiah Emond, Justin Robert Griswold, Matthew David Haislead, Paul Daniel Hollon, Shambay Candrell Johnson, Andrea Evelyn Kilpatrick, Kevin Skyles Lee, Chelsea Lynn Lindsey, Christopher Shane Marler, Kyles Christopher Roehler, Krista Danielle Thomas, Matthew Scott Thomas, Harley Michelle Wallace, Jeremy Lee Weeks, Brittany Elizabeth Whitehead, Amelia Tera Louise White and Jesse Lawayne Wilson.

**Fifth Grade:** Myeshia Rashara Andrews, Jeremiah Tyril Barefoot, Brandon Thomas Bell, David Steve Austin Davidson, Chelsea Ann Dempsey, Hannah Nicole Duenit, Kayla Elizabeth Farnon, Maranda Lee Foust, Kelli Leigh Green, Ashley Nicole Horton, Jeremy Lee Johnson, Brandon Michael Lee, Katherine Alexandra Lee, Erica Louise Locklin, Anthony Michael Nevels, Nicole Victoria Reynolds, Anna Elizabeth Sawyer, Chelsea Amber Smith, Christopher David Stinson, Vanessa Leigh Stuckey and Ronald Ethan Wagon.

**Sixth Grade:** Devon James Blevins, Jacqueline Dean Bundy, Amber Michelle Carmichael, Marisa Shay Carpenter, Emilee Grace Dunn, Courtney Khiry Foster, Andrew Searcy Fuller, Callie Anne Hollis, Christian Lyle Izquierdo, Monica Nicole Largess, Cullen Wayne Martin, Malory Jo Mowser, Savannah Danielle Senn, Leann Hillman Shirley, Brandi Starlyn Taylor and Miranda Lashay Williams.

## Small business counseling session planned for Thursday, June 13, in Elba

A representative from the Small Business Development Center at Troy State University will visit the Elba County Chamber of Commerce Thursday, June 13, to provide free counseling.

The counseling is available from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Call 897-3125 to set up an appointment.

**Third Grade:** Alyssa Danielle Brown, Preston Lance Chambers, Brittany Nicole Clarke, Brittany Nicole Colburn, Brandon Michael Eubank, Michael Haynes, Jr., Brian Reed Hollon, Audrey Ann Johnson, Meagan Evonne Jones, Belinda Tianna Telisa

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Elba DRA selling series of landmark prints

The Elba Downtown Revitalization Authority recently began a fund raising effort to include the sale of a series of landmark prints.

The complete series will consist of five different landmarks in Elba. The first of the series is a print of the historic Coffee County Courthouse, and it is already available for purchase. The four remaining prints will

be of the crooked bridge, the Elba Methodist Church, the old train depot and the fountain which is located on the courthouse grounds.

There will be only 100 prints available of each landmark, and each one will be numbered; therefore, anyone interested in collecting the complete series with the same numbered print of each landmark can do so by reserving that number.

A new print is scheduled to be available about every three months, and they are being sold at the Briar Patch, Elba Chamber of Commerce, The Peoples Bank, SouthTrust Bank and Recollections.

For additional information, contact Ashley Johnson or Henrietta Grimes at 897-2252 during business hours.



DRA board members Ashley Johnson and Henrietta Grimes show off a print of the historic Coffee County Courthouse. This is the first print in a series of five that is currently being sold by DRA.

## New Brockton High School 4th Grading Period - Honor Roll

**Seventh Grade:** Justin Corbitt  
**Eighth Grade:** Derriek Cook, Trent Edwards and Emily Hardman  
**Ninth Grade:** Matthew Everhart and Matthew Parrish  
**Tenth Grade:** Heather Carroll, Amanda Estrada, Layton Griffin, Andrew Hardiman, Tiffany Harrison, Alicia Howell, Misty Moore and Tyler Simmons  
**Eleventh Grade:** Rena Donaldson, Wendy Headlin, Glenn Kelley, Melanie McGlothlen, Delora Moore and Joseph Sawyer  
**Twelfth Grade:** Lauren Allums, Kendra Cole, Jenna Donaldson, Veronica Hernandez, Jeffery Rogers, Jeremy Windham and Jeremy Wise  
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**Eleventh Grade:** Jeremy Anderson, Connie Brown, Casey Carmichael, Lashanda Flowers, Daniel Hernandez, Alvar Herrera, Renta Lawson, Ray Magwood, BreAnna McKenzie, Dusty Medley, Brandy Mitchell, Katy Roberts and Lanae Roberts  
**Twelfth Grade:** Brooke Anderson, Jessica Eubanks, Lakya Flowers, Demetri Foster, Ashley Green, Heather Harbuck, Michele Lee, Jeremy Mack, Brett Pearson, Nick Quincey, Ashley Sem and Tabatha Walden

## NOTICE:

Wiregrass Peartut Scout School will be held June 20, 2002 at Wiregrass Research and Extension Center in Headland, Ala.

## TSU plans orientation sessions for new students

Troy State University has scheduled eight orientation sessions for new students in July and August, according to Susan Pierce, Director of Student Development/Counseling.

The two-day orientation sessions—called IMPACT at TSU—will begin July 17, Pierce said. Because the first three freshman sessions are filled, Pierce said the earliest openings for incoming freshmen are available in the session scheduled for July 29-30. More than

500 students have registered to attend the orientation sessions. Pierce said IMPACT is designed to introduce students to college life with meetings on academic planning, extracurricular involvement, residence hall life and college "survival" skills.

"Orientation is much more than giving campus tours and handing out T-shirts," Pierce said. "We provide incoming freshmen with information they need to make a smooth transition to college life. And we provide a fun introduction to the place that will be their home for the next few years."

Pierce added that IMPACT also includes a part of one-day sessions for students who are transferring to TSU from other schools.

The IMPACT 2001 schedule: Session One—July 17-18; Session Two—July 20 (transfer students); Session Three—July 22-23; Session Four—July 24-25; Session Five—July 29-30; Session Six—July 31-Aug. 1; Session Seven—Aug. 5 (transfer students); Session Eight—Aug. 12-13 (for any new students unable to attend any of the earlier sessions).

For more information about IMPACT 2001 at Troy State University, contact Pierce at 334-670-3176.

Head Start student application times set for Elba & Enterprise

Applications for the Elba and Enterprise Head Start will be on the following days: Tuesday, June 18, at Elba and Enterprise Head Start from 9 a.m. until Noon; Wednesday, June 19, at Elba and Enterprise Head Start from 3-7 p.m.; Thursday, June 20, at Enterprise Head Start from 9 a.m. until Noon.

Anyone interested in their child attending Head Start should bring the following documents: birth certificate, proof of income, immunization or (blue slip), physical or medical screening, child's Medicaid card or other health insurance, food stamp (if applicable).

For questions, call the OCAP/Head Start central office at 334-566-1712 or 347-4434.

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I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who supported me in the primary election.

I ask for your continued support and vote in the November general election.

**Donnie Farris**



## NOW IS THE TIME FOR CHANGE

## Hello, I'm Tom Dyess,

a candidate for Coffee County School Board District One. In 1982 I was appointed to finish an unexpired term on the Board. I later was elected to that same position. At the end of my term, I chose not to run for reelection because of job duties that took me away from Coffee County. During my 8 years of the Coffee County School Board I did not miss any regularly scheduled meetings. I have experience serving the people of District One. I am asking for your continued vote of support on June 25. Please remember to go to the polls and vote for

**Tom Dyess**

**Coffee County School Board - District One**

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Tom Dyess, 1981 Co. Rd. 224, Elba, AL 36323

# MISCELLANEOUS

## CCC

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voting houses.

Grimsley asked Lewis if he would be willing to look at his district and make a recommendation of which voting houses he feels need to be consolidated, and Lewis said he indeed would be willing to do that.

With that, Lewis made a motion that each commissioner look at consolidating the voting houses in their respective district. He received a second from Grimsley.

Brooks said he felt the county needs to put together a task

force to study this proposal and bring a recommendation back to the commission. Grimsley disagreed saying he feels the commissioners each need to look at this.

"As long as I'm a commissioner, I won't ever vote for closing a voting house unless the people vote on it and decide to do it," Stephens said. "It's a great privilege to be able to vote."

Lewis said he felt Stephens' was putting his political career ahead of what's best for the

county. He added that his proposal was in no way trying to take people's right to vote away.

The motion passed with commissioners Lewis, Thompson, Dairymple and Grimsley voting in favor. Commissioner Stephens cast the lone opposing vote with Westbrook and Brooks abstaining.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, June 24, 9 a.m. in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

## TOWN

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any agreement without a means of paying for it.

Strickland made a motion that this matter be tabled so the council members can discuss possible solutions to the problem at the next working session, and since the current contract with expire before the next regularly scheduled meeting, his motion asked for a called meeting to be held after the working session so a decision can be made before the contract expires. His motion passed by an unanimous vote.

In other business, the council: Presented a token of appreciation to Virginia Dowling for the work she has done in New Brockton. Dowling recently received merit award from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the work she has done in the city park in New Brockton.

Approved a motion to send out bids concerning the town's auditor service. The cost of the town's auditor has increased over the last few years, and Cole recommended that the town seek bids for this service.

Approved a motion indicating that all police department overtime with the exception of emergency situations be approved by Mayor Cole or the

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- M.Ed. IN EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION FROM VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

## EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION:

- CHAIRMAN OF COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SINCE 1995
- FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER
- FORMER BOARD MEMBER OF THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA INSERVICE CENTER, TROY STATE UNIVERSITY

## COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- DEACON ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
- SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER (YOUTH)
- FORMER PTO PRESIDENT
- FORMER BAND BOOSTER MEMBER AND PRESIDENT
- FORMER VOLUNTEER COACH

## PERSONAL:

- MARRIED TO MARY JOHN WALKER
- TWIN DAUGHTERS ALISHA AND CARISSA
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**TO THE PEOPLE OF COFFEE COUNTY, DISTRICT ONE,**

*I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your vote and support in my campaign for re-election to the Coffee County Board of Education, District One.*

*However, there is a runoff, and I ask that Tuesday, June 25, you go to the polls once more and vote WALKER.*

*To those who supported my opponents in the primary, I ask that you join with us and vote WALKER on Tuesday, June 25.*

Thanking you for your support,

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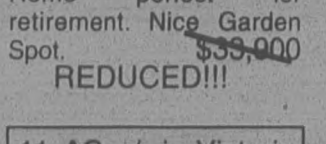


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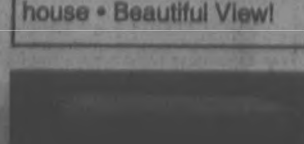
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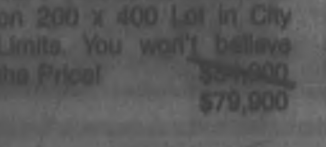


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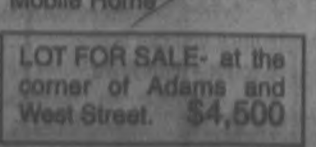


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## SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The girls have been cleaning out their closets and dresser drawers ever since school got out in an attempt to find out exactly what they can and can't wear, and while the project has put a strain on the washing machine, it has resulted in more room in the closets and clothes being worn that I haven't seen in a while. Both of my girls have a habit of having a few favorite things to wear and ignoring the rest, but now that they have rediscovered some of their "not so old" clothes, maybe they have enough to get them through the summer.

**SWINGS AND MISSES....**  
All the all-star teams have now been picked in the various baseball and softball leagues, and while the process was heated at times and some players I felt should have been on the teams were left off, I will admit the coaches did a good job of looking at all the players and trying to put their best teams on the field. The process included the coaches of all the teams nominating players from their teams to an all-star ballot, and then having the coaches pick the best players in the league. The voting went on until the all-star team was filled, and only the head coaches had a vote and took part in the process. The teams will be published in next week's edition of the paper, and I urge all players, parents and supporters to congratulate the players that made the teams, and to tell the ones that didn't that they too had great seasons.

The Geneva County Bulldogs have a new head football coach in former New Brockton Gamecock standout Max Whitaker. Whitaker played under Coach Leavy Brumwell while at New Brockton, and after completing college was an assistant at a number of area high schools before taking the head job at Dauphin Junior High, in Enterprise. Coach Whitaker has also coached youth baseball teams for a number of years in New Brockton, and has impressed everyone in the league with his patience and ability to teach. You know it, if played for Coach Brumwell he will be a strict disciplinarian and will teach tough, hard-nosed football, and the guess here is that he will be a winner. Good luck, Coach Whitaker.

I took a glance at the 2002 Brantley Bulldog football schedule the other day and it didn't take long to see that Coach David Lowery and his Bulldogs will once again play a very challenging schedule. The Bulldogs will open up against Elba, and will then hit heads the next four weeks with such rugged opponents as Cottonwood, Pleasant Home, Houston County and Highland Home. The following four weeks will find the going a little easier as Brantley will tee it up against Antion, Kinston, Zion Chapel and Florala, while in the season finale, the Bulldogs will take on the arch-rivals from Laverne.

Brantley should field a much improved team this season, and if the Bulldogs can survive early on, they should be ready for the playoffs. The Birmingham News annually honors the state's top high school athletic programs, and a look at this year's top programs reveals that the private schools once again were dominant in all sports and all classes. The "All-Sports" winners were based on a system that awarded points for success in all sports, with 15 points being awarded to a state champion and a minimum of 1 point going to all teams that made the playoffs. The point totals were staggered depending on advancement in the playoffs, and gave a true indication of a school's success. St. Paul's and UMS-Wright, both from Mobile, ranked first in Class 5A and Class 4A, and came in second and third overall behind Hoover. St. Paul's won two state titles, while UMS-Wright claimed five state championships. Other private schools taking home the "All-Sports" trophies included Montgomery Academy in 3A and Athens Bible in 1A. With four of the six state winners being private schools, it isn't hard to see that when the AHSAA changed the way the private schools were rated, the private schools just did a better job of bringing in the top student-athletes possible. The list revealed that G.W. Long ranked ninth overall in Class 1A, while the Kinston boys ranked eighth in the state in the 1A ranks. Houston Academy ranked second overall in Class 2A, while in 3A Gulf Shores came in at #3 overall. In Class 4A, T.R. Miller ranked fifth overall and Andalusia came in at #10, while no area schools made the top ten in either 5A or 6A. Talways look forward to the release of the state's top programs, and just hope that one day the public schools will be able to compete on a level playing field with the private schools.

In closing, I stopped by Elba High the other day and saw Coach Waters and his entire staff working hard to get Tiger Stadium in top notch condition. The coaches were cutting grass, edging sidewalks and pressure washing the concrete bleachers, and the stadium did look much better than it did just a few weeks ago. Oh yes, they also have wheel barrows out putting sand in low spots on the practice field. There can be no doubt this coaches have pride in Elba High and aren't afraid to work to provide the players with the best. All Elba Tiger fans should drive by the stadium and see how much better it looks since school has been out, and I betcha the coaches would even let you help with the work, if you insisted.

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## Thank You

I sincerely thank the voters of Coffee County District 1 for the courtesy shown me during my campaign for Board of Education. I thank God for the opportunity I had to meet many of you and regret that I couldn't get around to visiting everyone. It was an experience that I will cherish for years to come and given an opportunity would like to repeat. Although I didn't win my party's nomination, I feel that I am a winner because I met so many new friends. Again, I thank you for your support.

May God Bless you all,

Larry Dickey

Pub. Phil. Adv. by Larry Dickey, 20040 Hwy. 87, Jack, AL 36348 Ph. 897-2985

In Dixie Belles softball action

## River Bandits wrap up undefeated season

**\*\*\* Rockies 13 Dodgers 11** - The Rockies edged past the Dodgers 13-11, in Coach Pitch Baseball League action. Harry Griffin scored 3 runs to lead the Rockies, while Tyler Anderson, Jeremy Duncan and Bo Wiggins all scored 2 runs. Scoring 2 runs for the Dodgers were Jon Ashley, Amison, Seth Hanchey, and Donta Rogers.

**\*\*\* Gamecocks 24 Reds 23** - The Gamecocks outscored the Reds 24-23, in Coach Pitch Baseball League action. Kyle Turner and Garrett Stephenson both scored 3 runs to lead the Gamecocks, while Matt Rogers, Ryan Boop, Hunter Winters, Taten Swanson, Keith Stephens and Cody Wooten all scored 2 runs. No names were available for the Reds.

**\*\*\* Gamecocks 16 Z.C. Reds 3** - The Gamecocks used a big first inning to take command and rolled to a big 16-3 win over the Z.C. Reds, in Dixie Angels softball action. The Gamecocks scored 11 runs to grab a quick 11-0 lead in the top of the first, and rolled to the top of the first, and rolled to the top of the first. Gwen Costner and Kelli Green both scored 3 runs to lead the Gamecocks, while Mia Taylor, Shay Carpenter, Courtney Winters and Brittany Long all scored 2 runs. Anna Wilson, Chelsea Flowers, and Chelsea Freeman all scored one run for the Z.C. Red.

**\*\*\* Twisters 11 Zion Chapel 8** - The Twisters pulled away late to down Zion Chapel 11-8, in Dixie Angels softball action. The Twisters were tied at 3-3 after two innings, but scored 5 runs in the third to take the lead and held on for the win. Haley

Byran scored 3 runs to lead the Twisters, while Molly McGuire and Camery Matthews both scored 2 runs. Kayla Bagwell scored 2 runs for Zion Chapel. **\*\*\* Stars 7 Z.C. Black 4** - The Stars broke loose late to defeat the Zion Chapel Black 7-4, in Dixie Ponytails softball action. The Stars held a slim 2-0 lead after three innings, but scored 5 runs in the fourth to go ahead 7-0 and held on to claim the win. Brittany Johnson got 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Stars, while Summer Parker had 2 hits and scored 1 run for the Zion Chapel Black.

**\*\*\* Blaze 11 Twisters 8** - The Blaze pulled away early and rolled to a big 11-8 win over the Twisters, while Ashley Cooks led the Blaze to victory. Ashley Cooks had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Blaze, while Taylor Creel and Corbin both scored 2 runs. Lindsey Carney scored 2 runs to lead the Blaze, and then scored 5 runs in the next two innings to pull ahead and claim the win. M. Jones, A. Hawkins, J. Hilyer and S. White all scored 3 runs for the Gamecocks, while K. Turner and J. Dunn both scored 2 runs. Hillarie Davis got 2 hits and scored 1 run for Zion Chapel.

**\*\*\* River Bandits 16 Laverne Dodgers 6** - The River Bandits exploded late to roll past the Laverne Dodgers 16-6, in Dixie Belles softball action. The Bandits trailed 6-5 after three innings, but plated 11 runs in the bottom of the fourth to take command and rolled to the win. Melanie Mularz had 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the River Bandits, while Heather Reeves added 2 hits and scored 2 runs and Stephanie Baxley and Amber Parker both added 1 hit and scored 3 runs.

**\*\*\* River Bandits 25 Laverne Devil Rays 1** - The River Bandits closed out an undefeated season with a big 25-1 win over the Laverne Devil Rays. The Bandits scored 13 runs in the top of the first to grab a quick 13-0 lead in the second, and they rolled to the lopsided win. Melanie Mularz had 4 hits and scored 4 runs to lead the Bandits, while Valerie Hucherson added 3 hits and scored 3 runs and Summer Stricklin added 2 hits and scored 4 runs. Stephanie Baxley, Krystan Parker and Heather Reeves also scored 3 runs, apiece, while Brittany Caldwell had 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Hannah Manning had 2 hits and scored 1 run and Jennifer Hilyer had 2 hits and scored 1 run. Stephanie Baxley tossed a no-hitter and struck out 7 batters to get the win on the mound.

**\*\*\* Curve 16 Laverne Devil Rays 11** - The Curve used a big second inning to pull ahead and held on to outscore the Laverne Devil Rays 16-11, in Dixie Belles softball action. The Curve trailed 2-0 after one

inning, but plated 10 runs in the second to take the lead and never looked back as they posted the wild win. Ashli Chandler had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Curve, while Kayla Miller added 1 hit and scored 4 runs and Brittany Dudley, Becky Stinson and Summer Stricklin all added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Leigh-Anna Flowers and Shawanna Wright both had 1 hit and scored 1 run.

**\*\*\* Highland Home 12 Curve 7** - The Curve saw Highland Home pull away late as they absorbed a 12-7 defeat, in Dixie Belles softball action. The Curve jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead and led 6-5 in the third inning, only to see Highland Home rally late to escape with the win. Ricky Stinson, Ashli Chandler and Stacey Mitchell all had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Curve, while Kayla Miller added 1 hit and scored 3 runs and Summer Stricklin and Shawanna Wright both added 1 hit and scored 3 runs.

**\*\*\* Curve 7 Brantley 0** - The Curve were awarded a 7-0 win when Brantley failed to field a team. The two teams played a practice game, with the Curve scoring 13 runs. Kayla Miller had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Curve, while Leigh-Anna Flowers added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Ashli Chandler added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Summer Stricklin and Brittany Dudley both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs, while Brandy Caldwell added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Shawanna Wright and Stacey Mitchell both had 1 hit and scored 1 run. The Curve trailed 2-0 after one

## SCHEDULES

## BASEBALL

## Coach-Pitch Baseball

Hawkins-Williams Field #1

Thursday, June 13

6:00 - Reds vs. Dodgers

7:30 - Gamecocks vs. Rockies

## Dixie Minor &amp; Dixie Youth Baseball

Elba games at Legion Field

Thursday, June 13

In Elba, 6:00 - Astros vs. Marlins (suspended game)

7:45 - Astros vs. Marlins

In Zion Chapel, 6:00 - ZC Red vs. ZC Black

7:45 - Zion Chapel vs. Kinston

Friday, June 14

In Elba, 6:00 - Indians vs. D'Backs

7:45 - Rays vs. Gamecocks

In Samson, 6:00 - Samson Braves vs. Kinston

7:45 - Samson Pirates vs. Kinston

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## Thank You!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in the June 4th Primary Election and for nominating me as the Republican candidate for Coffee County Revenue Commissioner. I ask for your continued support as I prepare for the November General Election.

**RONNIE BURNS**  
Revenue Commissioner

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## SPORTS



Royce Johnston returned to Victory Lane after Saturday's Late Model Feature at South Alabama Speedway. (Mark Chisum photo)



Street Stock action with Stacey Bedsole (22) and Scott Morse (75) in a close battle. Morse finished third and Bedsole fifth in the 25-lap feature. (Mark Chisum photo)

## Royce Johnston returns to winner's circle with victory in Late Model feature race at SAS

By Mark Chisum

South Alabama Speedway had a full schedule of racing Saturday, including features in seven classes. The local Late Model class had a 35-lap feature, and 2001 track champion was standing on familiar ground after the race, the asphalt in Victory Lane.

Pat Cruise took the initial lead with Johnston in tow. Cruise was able to hold Johnston off for 20 laps, but Johnston got inside of Cruise on the 21st circuit. Cruise was able to stay close, but couldn't offer a challenge to Johnston. Nix-Bruce finished a strong third, followed by Frank King and Buddy Welch.

The Super Stock Feature was the night's most exciting race. The 25-lap sprint featured five lead changes and a three-way battle for the win. Rick Northey and Kerry Adkins led the first three laps before David Ashley took the lead. Scotty Anderson and Heath Mills were working their way from the rear of the field. Anderson moved into second on lap five and Mills took third on lap 10. Ashley, Anderson, and Mills ran the remaining 15 laps in tight for many around the oval.

Anderson took the lead on the 11th lap, but Ashley regained the front spot on lap 19. Anderson had the advantage of the inside groove, but Ashley was strong on the outside. Mills was stuck to their bumpers. Ashley held a slight advantage as the front pair headed to the checkered flag, but Anderson got a good run off of the corner. They crossed the stripe simultaneously, and both pulled up on the front stretch after the cool down lap, thinking they had won. Flagman Jim Thomas handed the checkers to Anderson, signaling the Opp driver's fifth win of 2002. Mills was right behind in third with Jody Henderson fourth and Bill

Kevin Peel was again victorious in the Modified Feature. Shep Lucas kept things interesting, staying close to Peel throughout the 25-lap run. Last week's winner Ken Gibson finished third and was closing at the end. Mike Hasty was fourth and Jamie Ater fifth.

In Super Street, Jeff Smith made two trips from the rear of the field to take the win. Steve Scarborough took the lead at the start with Billy Ammons close behind. Smith started in the rear and moved into third by lap six and past Ammons for second, four laps later. Scarborough was doing all he could do to keep Smith behind him and the two tangled coming out of turn two, sending Smith back to the rear. Smith charged through the field again, moving into second on lap 21 behind Ammons. Smith moved inside of Ammons one lap later and went on to take the checkers. Ammons was able to hold on to second with Brian Fuller third, Scarborough slid back to fourth with Harold Hurt fifth.

In Street Stock, Brian Martin was awarded the win after Derek Deese failed post race inspection. Deese passed Tim Hudson on lap 14 after working his way from the 11th starting spot and went on to the apparent win. However, he was disqualified for unapproved rear springs and the win was handed to Martin. Hudson came in third followed by Scotty Morse, Scott Whitehead, and Stacey Bedsole. Perry Boin picked up his first Roadrunner Feature win. Boin got past Dennison Reeves on lap seven, but Reeves battled back and took the lead two laps later. Boin took the lead for good on lap 12. Sam Smith came from the 13th starting spot to take the runner up spot, getting past Reeves with two laps to go. Kim Bishop was fourth and Gary Morse fifth.

## ESJC basketball camp set for June 24-28

Enterprise State Junior College's basketball coach, Jimmy Messer, announced a Summer Basketball Camp for girls and boys will be held June 24-28. Ages 6-12 will partici-

pate from 8:30 a.m.-Noon, while ages 13-high school seniors will participate from 5:30-9:00 p.m. The fee is \$75.00 each, and each camper will receive a t-shirt. Awards

will be presented at the end of camp. For more information about the Basketball Camp, call Coach Messer at 334-393-ESJC, ext. 303.

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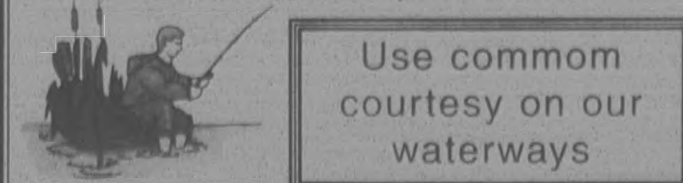
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## Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben

By Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Use common courtesy on our waterways

Nowhere is courtesy and sportsmanship more important than in the outdoors. We all need the break from the stress and hassles of every day life, so it's especially important that we all practice the Golden Rule when we venture outside. Boaters, particularly anglers, face an ever-expanding population of water sports enthusiasts who crowd launching ramps and other facilities on lakes, and rivers across the country. Unfortunately, at a time when it is needed most, common courtesy is becoming less common.

The following common sense suggestions from the boating industry will make boating more pleasant for everyone going to and while on the waterways of Alabama.

**Trailering:** Never forget that you have a boat trailer behind your vehicle. Your rig adds a lot of momentum that increases the amount of time and distance it takes to stop. Don't tailgate. Back off to a distance at which you can safely come to a stop if necessary.

If you see that a following vehicle is starting to pass you, slow down to give the vehicle plenty of room to get back into traffic in front.

**Don't hug the centerline:** Trailers often sway as they round a curve, swerving into the oncoming lane. Stay off the shoulder. Nothing makes life more difficult for you angler than a shower of gravel thrown onto his windshield by a trailer's tire.

**Launch Ramps:** Approach launching activity slowly and scope out the traffic carefully. If there is a line waiting to launch, go to the end of the line. Waiting in line is a good time to get tackle, coolers, clothing, life jackets and other gear stowed in your boat. Check and install the drain plug, pump up fuel bulbs, and get the engine ready so you can launch quickly and easily when it's your turn. Don't tie up traffic as you prep your boat.

**Be sure you can drive a boat into a trailer before attempting to pull off such a feat in front of a long line of boaters who may be tired and short-tempered. Practice the art of backing a trailer at an empty ramp before you attempt to maneuver in a crowded ramp.**

**On The Water:** When near the launch ramp, never crowd another boat and be sure to make little if no wake. Mannerly wake will keep crowded boats from being bumped against the dock.

**The "rules of the water," should be obeyed when passing other boats. These rules are outlined in U.S. Coast Guard pamphlets, which can be obtained at many marinas.**

**Never consume alcohol while boating!** The combination of alcohol and recreational activity increases the negative effect of alcohol. Never crowd another angler. How many times have you seen someone glide right up to where you were fishing and intrude on your fishing space? Two wrongs don't make a right, so let's practice the "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Courtesy is contagious. Let's see if we can give it to others.

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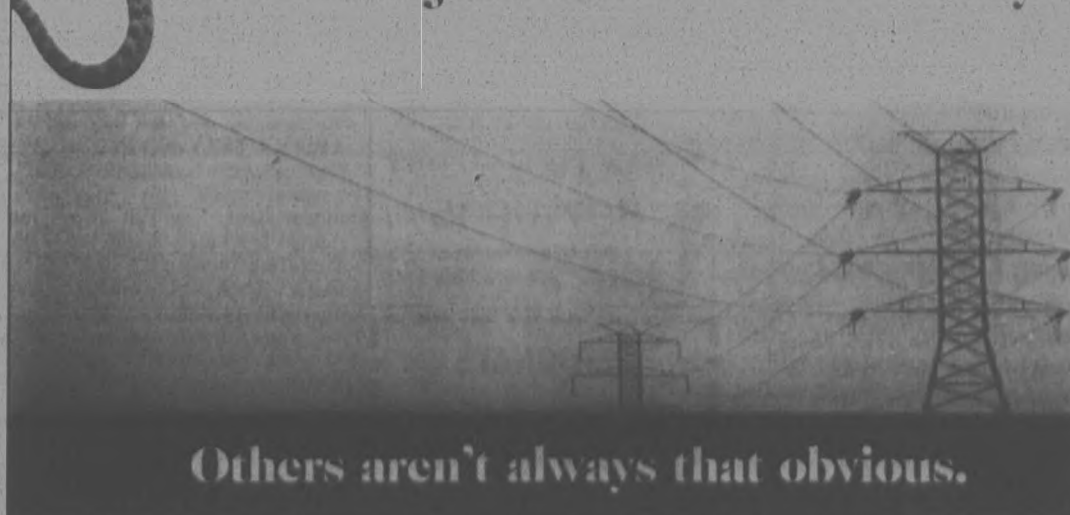
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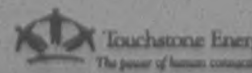


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## During County BOE meeting SAFE School's first year considered a success

by Linda Hodge, Editor

For a short period of time, the Coffee County Board of Education meeting, Thursday evening, June 13, appeared to take the form of a question and answer session as one county citizen searched for information. Alma Haynes appeared before the board and directed several questions towards the board members and superintendent, however, the main issue for Haynes appeared to be her questions concerning an administrative assistant position at the school system's central office.

Board member Robin McKinnon offered a motion during the board's last meeting to open the position of administrative assistant for employment, however, his motion died for lack of a second.

Thursday evening, Haynes asked the board when it is planning on opening the position of administrative assistant, and she asked superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram who she leaves in charge of the system during her absence. She also wanted to know what qualifications that person has as an administrator.

Ingram said she does not have an assistant, and she leaves each principal in charge of his/her own school during her absence. The superintendent added that she has a radio in which she keeps with her when she is out of the office, and this allows her staff to get in touch with her at any time if the occasion arises.

"Dr. Ingram has been on board roughly a year, and I am not aware of any time that has come up when we haven't been able to get up with her," board chairman Charles Walker said. McKinnon said it is not a matter of getting in touch with the superintendent. Instead, he said the board must realize that sickness, for example, is in everyone's future, and the school system needs an assistant of such an important matter should occur.

At this point, Haynes asked the board members why no one supplied a second to McKinnon's motion at the last meeting to open the position. Board member Annette Griswold said the issue was something that the board members had no advance knowledge of which prevented them from properly discussing the issue.

Board member Jimmy Clark agreed with Griswold saying he felt the issue was one that would require a great deal of discussion before the board could make a decision.

Board vice chairman Danny Johnson said he was looking at the matter from an economic standpoint. He said he could not see the board spending money on such a position until an already existing employee or employees were to come and ask for help.

The board approved an out-of-state trip for the Zion Chapel Choir leaders to attend a camp July 15-18 in Panama City. With the trip being a fully funded one, the board also approved \$100 to be given to the group for additional spending.

This motion was one which followed suit with several motions approved during the board's last meeting when trips were approved with additional spending money for fully funded trips for the following: out-of-state travel for about 15 students from New Brockton High School to attend a football camp in Georgia; out-of-state travel for the New Brockton High School cheerleaders to attend a camp in Panama City; out-of-state travel for the New Brockton High School basketball team to attend a camp in Tallahassee, Fla.

Upon the superintendent's request, Becky Hardman, principal of the school, reported that all administrators

unanimous vote of approval by the Elba City Council. Monthly bills, totaling \$18,630.48 were approved for payment. This included \$4,005.16 for vehicle and equipment maintenance; \$1,116.46 for sewer supplies; \$3,814.60 for various chemicals; and \$1,428.00 annual maintenance contract on copiers at city hall, public library and police department.

Council member Harold Spicer was named to the Elba Recreation Board. This is an additional member on the board and an effort to place at least one member of the governing body on as many local boards as possible.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported to the council that the trash pick-up crews were behind with their normal routes because the Knuckle Boom truck as been tied up with levee right-of-way clearing work. With some overtime they are beginning to catch up with their regular routes.

During Elba City Council meeting  
Spicer named to recreation board

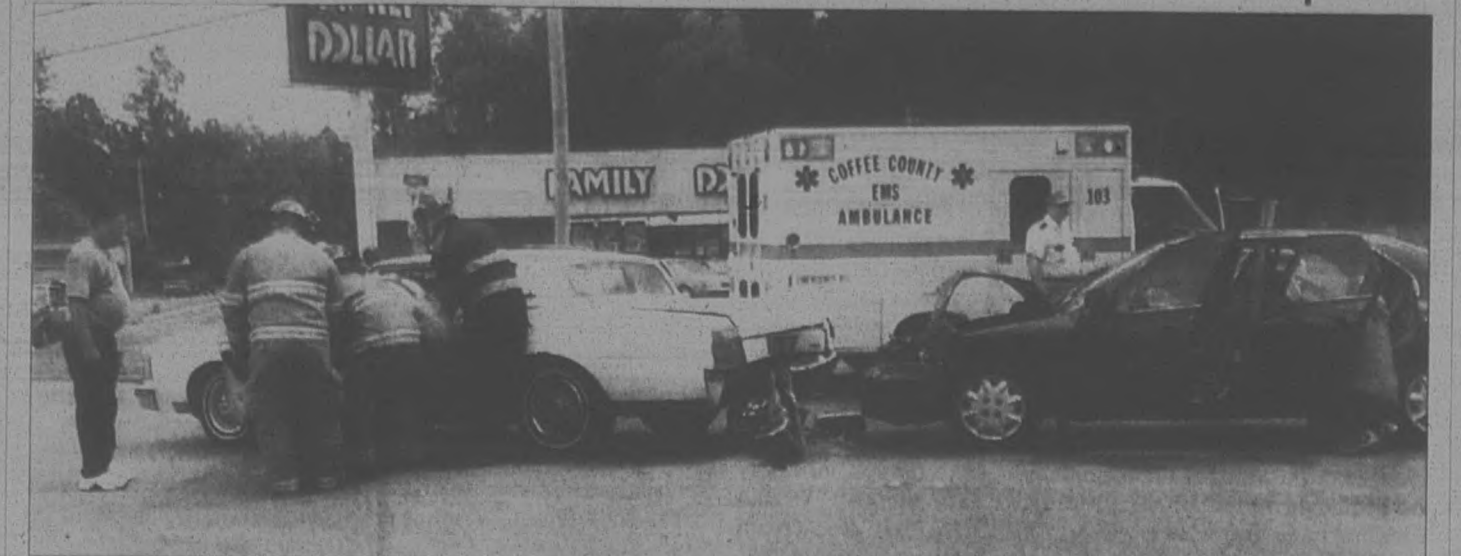
by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting of June 19th included a decision to pay a license to cover the city while playing recorded, copyrighted music during public events; payment of monthly bills, giving a holiday to city employees; and making one board appointment.

Upon the recommendation of city attorney Jeff Kelley, the council voted to pay an annual \$250 fee to one of the three associations (ASCAP) which licenses copyrighted music. This will give the city legal rights to publicly play any of their songs during official city sponsored events.

Mayor James Grimes noted that usually when a holiday falls on Thursday, city employees are given the following day off as well. With the 4th of July being on Thursday, July 5th will also be an official holiday for Elba city employees following a

## Two-vehicle accident sends three to hospital



Elba emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle accident on Claxton Avenue Tuesday afternoon, June 18, and found three people in need of medical attention. Responding to the scene were units from the Elba Police Department, Coffee County EMS and the Elba Fire Department. Upon their arrival, the emergency personnel found a 1984 Oldsmobile Delta 88, driven by Brittany Tacey Smith, age 17, of Elba. Witnesses indicated that the Oldsmobile was stopped and waiting to make a left hand turn into a parking lot when the Honda slid into the back of the vehicle due to wet road conditions. Both Stackhouse and Smith were transported to Elba General Hospital by a unit from Coffee County EMS, along with Erica Wilkerson, age 20, who was a passenger in the Oldsmobile.

## Daniel Stephens rotates off Elba Board of Education after two terms

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The annual rotation of school board leadership took place Thursday evening at the Elba School Board. Dr. Linda Ingram, District Superintendent, rotated to the position of chairperson, while board member Valerie McGuire will serve as vice chair. Rotating from the position as chairperson, (and also off the school board after two terms) is Daniel Stephens. Superintendent Danny Weeks reported that all administrators

are now equipped with walkie-talkies that can be accessed even when the administrator is off campus. Weeks said, "This is proving to be a great advantage for the school system."

Mr. John Osburn presented the board with his final report on the "Superintendent's Evaluation Report." This first state required evaluation on Danny Weeks reflected an overall "Excellent" and was the result of blind surveys with local administrators, teachers, board members and other staff members as well as visual observations and personal interviews. Osburn conducted with Weeks.

The superintendent reported the system is on schedule with preparing the Unitary Status Report and hopes the federal courts will release the local system from court supervision this year.

Financial projections show that the local school system is "probably in better shape than I expected, because of hard work, budget cuts and retirements," Mr. Weeks reported. The general fund reflects a fund balance of \$399,740.76, compared to a

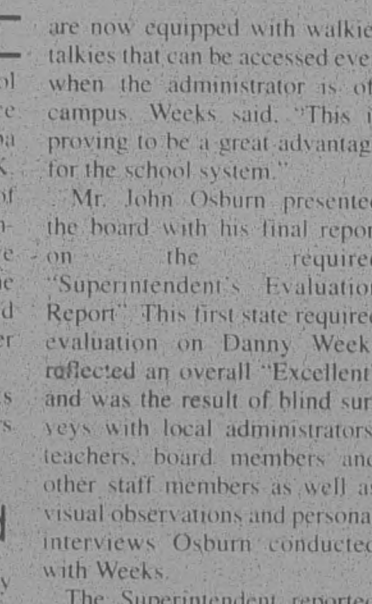
negative \$15,000 one year ago. There is still a \$175,000 loan outstanding against the school, and the possibility of proration still looms over the Alabama school systems this year, according to financial experts.

Weeks recalled a few of the cuts which have been enacted. They include five units, and from retirements and elimination of one bus route. State officials had earlier recommended the reduction in staff of 12 teachers, but later agreed to seven and now they are accepting the five unit cut.

The Superintendent also reminded board members that a new federal rule is in effect which requires all "new hire" aides have a two year associates degree and by the year 2005 all aides working with children in the classroom must have the associates degree. This requirement does not include office and lunchroom workers.

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DANIEL STEPHENS, left, is shown being presented a plaque commemorating his two term service on the Elba School Board. Stephens stepped down last Thursday from his position as board chairperson and as a board member. Presenting the plaque on behalf of the school system is Superintendent Danny Weeks.



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## Area Happenings

**COMMISSION MEETING** The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, June 24, 9 a.m., in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

**POLL WORKER REMINDER** The Primary Run-Off Election will be held Tuesday, June 25. All poll workers should report to their precinct no later than 7:30 a.m. on election day. Anyone who can not work is asked to please notify the probate office immediately.

**ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY** The library will present Summer of Mystery, the summer reading program, at 10 a.m. on June 26 and July 9 & 16.

**CHILD FIND ACTIVITIES FOR COFFEE COUNTY** The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting and all 0-3 year old children with disabilities. Parents of a child with disabilities or someone who knows a disabled person, should contact the principal of their local school or the special education coordinator's office at the Coffee County Board of Education at 937-5016. It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.



**AFTERNOON THUNDERSTORM** An afternoon thunderstorm swept through the Elba area last Friday, June 14. The thunderstorm supplied the area with some much needed rainfall; however, the rain fell so hard and quickly that the storm drains couldn't keep up on some streets. Above, city of Elba employees keep an eye on the draining water along the streets located next to the First Baptist Church while the smaller picture shows Brandon Byrd making use of the water as he plays in the puddles after the storm moved out of the area.

## NEWS BRIEF

On Wednesday, June 12, Elba Police attempted to serve a felony warrant on Angela Hill, 612 County Road 401. Upon arrival police observed an unknown male subject fleeing from the residence. A fire was also discovered at the residence. Upon extinguishing the blaze, police officers discovered property stolen in two burglaries that occurred this year, and a search warrant was executed to recover the property. Hill was arrested at the scene on a Receiving Stolen Property First Degree warrant in a third unrelated burglary that occurred this year.

On Friday, June 14, Receiving Stolen Property First Degree warrants were obtained for the arrest of Angela Hill and Joseph Anthony Brown.

As of Monday, June 17, the warrants had been arranged and placed in the Coffee County Jail, according to Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth.